



Press Release

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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
UP 23 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2004 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 118.8 million bushels, up 23 percent from 2003 and 52 percent higher than 2002. This forecast is up 19 percent from the Texas April forecast.

According to a May 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 33 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year, and up 4 bushels from two years ago. Harvested acreage for grain, at 3.6 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2003.

“What once looked like a below average season has turned around with the increase in spring moisture, and the crop now has good yield potential”, reported State Director Robin Roark.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 52.0 million bushels, up 26 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 25.5 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year. The Cross Timbers’ production is estimated at 7.0 million bushels, up 64 percent from last year. Production in the Blacklands is forecast at 20.5 million bushels, 17 percent more than 2003.

United States winter wheat production for 2004 is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. Yield is expected to average 44.2 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels less than a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last season.

TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2003 AND 2004 ¹

| Districts | Planted acres | | Harvested acres | | Yield per acre | | Production | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 |
| | <u>1,000 acres</u> | | <u>1,000 acres</u> | | <u>Bushels</u> | | <u>1,000 bushels</u> | |
| 1-N | 2,527 | 2,350 | 1,344.0 | 1,430 | 30.7 | 36.4 | 41,199 | 52,000 |
| 1-S | 500 | 480 | 163.0 | 170 | 26.8 | 32.4 | 4,375 | 5,500 |
| 2-N | 679 | 640 | 422.0 | 400 | 26.1 | 25.0 | 10,997 | 10,000 |
| 2-S | 1,136 | 980 | 585.0 | 600 | 20.2 | 25.8 | 11,795 | 15,500 |
| 3 | 556 | 550 | 182.0 | 265 | 23.4 | 26.4 | 4,266 | 7,000 |
| 4 | 689 | 650 | 463.5 | 465 | 37.9 | 44.1 | 17,578 | 20,500 |
| 7 | 333 | 290 | 185.0 | 190 | 18.1 | 29.5 | 3,345 | 5,600 |
| 8-N | 80 | 70 | 53.5 | 42 | 30.0 | 35.7 | 1,604 | 1,500 |
| Other districts ² | 100 | 90 | 52.0 | 38 | 27.7 | 31.6 | 1,441 | 1,200 |
| STATE | 6,600 | 6,100 | 3,450.0 | 3,600 | 28.0 | 33.0 | 96,600 | 118,800 |

¹ Preliminary 2004. ² Districts with less than 50,000 acres planted are included in other districts.

